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Dear Friends and Residents:

Last month, Council reviewed recommendations from the Charter Review Commission. As the first elected official to call for an election regarding Streetcar and Light Rail, I was delighted to vote "Yes" to put this on the May 9th ballot. So, on May 9th you will have a chance to vote on Proposition 1 regarding Streetcar and Light Rail.

The next proposal was an amendment that would provide the newly elected Mayor earn \$61,725/year and City Council \$45,722/year. I voted "No" on Council pay because I believe the number one issue Council should be working on this spring is resolving our police and fire union contracts. As long as we are in union negotiations, our number one priority should be to get a fair and equitable contract that is good for our police and fire personnel and good for the City's long term finances. I'm glad the City's current offer met my longstanding requirements. First, a contract that provides better health care benefits for our uniformed personnel and second keeps our total expenses within the 66% cap we agreed on last



year. That leaves 34% of the General Budget for streets and drainage, parks and libraries.

We do not yet have a handshake deal, much less a contract to vote on. I think a campaign over Council pay in the middle of our own campaigns would be a significant distraction from the effort to get the police and fire union negotiations resolved in a way that is fair and equitable to both sides. That is why I voted "No" to placing council pay on the May ballot.

Click [here](#) to read the latest City contract proposal to the police union.

I am always interested in what you have to say. I have a number of poll questions at the District 9 website. I hope you'll consider participating by clicking [here](#).

As always, if there are items you would like to see in future newsletters, please let me know via email at district9@sanantonio.gov. Working together, we can make District 9 and our City a better place for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Krier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and last name "Krier" clearly distinguishable.

Joe Krier
City Councilman, District 9

Transportation Network Companies

On December 11, 2014, City Council approved regulations regarding Transportation Network Companies (TNCs). Last month, Mayor Ivy Taylor announced the City would expedite the initial review, so today we looked at the insurance requirements again and voted to delay the gap coverage requirement. The City is unable to implement this part of the ordinance because gap coverage is not yet available in Texas. The legislature could also take action to set a statewide standard.

Any updates or changes need to ensure that drivers are screened and that they meet certain insurance and safety standards.

Click [here](#) for more details. Click [here](#) for articles by the San Antonio Business Journal. Click [here](#) for a recent article by the Express-News.

Panther Springs Park Grand Opening

You are personally invited to join me for the Panther Springs Park Ribbon Cutting and

Grand Opening on March 11, 2015. This new 279-acre park has two trails that will connect to the Wilderness Oak Elementary School and the Parman Branch Library.

Meet me at 22635 Wilderness Oak, San Antonio, Texas 78258 at 10:30 a.m. on March 11th as we celebrate this new park with walking trails and a dog park. See you then!

The S.A.P.D. and Nextdoor

On February 25, 2015, Interim Police Chief Anthony Trevino spoke at the District 9 Neighborhood Alliance meeting. Chief Trevino informed residents about nextdoor.com. The San Antonio Police Department has a partnership with this online Neighborhood Watch Group.

Nextdoor is a private social network that allows residents in a neighborhood to communicate to improve their neighborhood safety. For more information click [here](#).



Interim Chief Anthony Trevino at District 9
Neighborhood Alliance

Lila Cockrell & Edith McAllister recognized

This week Mayor Lila Cockrell and longtime civic leader and philanthropist Edith McAllister were honored at the Ninth Annual International Women's Day Luncheon.

The luncheon is presented by the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women. Mayor Ivy Taylor and City Manager Sheryl Sculley delivered remarks.

I am so thankful for the ongoing contributions both these women continue to make to our city.

Click [here](#) for an article by the San Antonio Business Journal.



With Edith McAllister
International Women's Day Luncheon
March 2, 2015

Meet District 9 residents serving our Boards and Commissions

Michael Howard serves on San Antonio's Building Standards Board. The board consists of 14 members who hear cases related to the San Antonio Maintenance Code.

Michael and his wife have lived in District 9 for more than 30 years. He's a graduate of Central High School and St. Mary's University. Michael served in the U.S. Army and is a Vietnam Veteran.

Following his time in the Military, Michael went to work at USAA where he retired in 1994.

Michael now spends some of his time volunteering to make his community a better place. He's active at United Way, San Antonio Children's Transplant Association, Cellular on Patrol, San Antonio's Public Safety Team and the North Central Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association.

"I want to do what I can to make the neighborhood a great place to live," said Michael Howard.

Thank you Michael for your service to our community.



Michael Howard
Building Standards Board

News from the Neighborhoods



District 9 Alliance leader Art
Downey and
Governor Greg Abbott
Lincoln Day Celebration
February 19, 2015



Speaking at District 9
Neighborhood Alliance meeting
February 25, 2015



Please join us

The North East ISD Board of Trustees and
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian G. Gottardy invite you to the

**Larkspur Elementary School SPARK Park
Grand Opening**

to commemorate the opening of the District's second
SPARK Park located at 1802 Larkspur
on the campus of Larkspur Elementary School.

**Tuesday, March 17, 2015
3:30 p.m.**

Join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration of
the second SPARK Park in North East ISD.

For questions and to confirm your attendance,
please call Communications 210-407-0040.



Texas Independence Day



2015 Texas Independence Day Celebration

On March 2, 2015, I observed Texas Independence day with a ceremony at the Alamo in front of the Cenotaph. More than 150 people attended to honor local fallen World War II hero William James Bordelon. He was the first Marine from Texas awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Alamo Mission Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas presented a flag to Central Catholic High School where Bordelon was a student. Click [here](#) to read the proclamation from the City of San Antonio.



Reading the Certificate of Commendation for Central Catholic High School

Volunteer

Here's your chance to use your skills and talents to benefit the City of San Antonio. SA Volunteers is committed to encouraging community participation to enhance City services. From walking dogs to planting trees your help is needed.

If you'd like to make a difference in San Antonio with SA Volunteers go to www.sanantonio.gov/volunteer.

Upcoming Events

March 23-29th **Valero Texas Open**

April 7th **District 9 Mayoral Forum**

April 11th **3rd Annual San Antonio Book Festival**

Click [here](#) for the City of San Antonio Calendar of Events.

Adopt-a-Pet

Frankie is a friendly seven-month-old male Shepherd mix who is sprightly and calm natured. Frankie weighs 44 pounds. He loves to stretch his legs so daily walks are a breeze for this guy.

Frankie will fit right into a home where another dog is in residence. He's an Animal Care Services rescue and he's already neutered, micro-chipped, and current on his vaccinations.

If you think Frankie is the companion for you, stop by and meet him at the Animal Defense League located at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78217, or for after-hour viewing check out Frankie's profile on ADL's website at www.adltexas.org.



Meet Frankie

Animals at ACS

Samson has become a very confident boy that LOVES to play with other dogs and all kinds of toys. He's alert to strange noises and barks when appropriate, but also enjoys cuddling with his humans. Samson is very smart and learns quickly. Once he bonds with you he will always be by your side. He likes to go on walks and prefers to be outside.

Click [here](#) to contact ACS about Samson.



Meet Samson



***Please note Java with Joe is canceled March 11, 2015 due to Panther Springs Park Grand Opening. Hope to see you at the Ribbon Cutting!

SA Volunteers

Are you planning an event in your neighborhood and need volunteers? Contact the City's Volunteer Program Coordinator, Melissa Escamilla at (210) 207-8178 or Melissa.escamilla@sanantonio.gov to help you recruit volunteers.

Spread the Message

It's easy for your friends to join our email list! Just have them text JOEKRIER to 22828 to get started. Click [here](#) to print a flyer to post at your office or neighborhood bulletin. Thank you!



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District 9 Website

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